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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SYRIAN POSITION ON UNDOF: SOVIET COMPLAINT

REF: USUN 5064 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD TOLK AMBASSADOR BENNETT ASIED LATE NOVEMBER 15 TO ASK WHETHER WE WERE AWARE OF SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENTS TO WALDHEIM THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT AGREE TO CONTINUATION OF UNDOF. BENNETT RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. DE GUIRINGAUD CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM WAS VERY UPSET OVER SYRIAN POSITION AND UNCERTAIN HOW TO PROCEED IN CONNECTION WITH SYG'S OBLIGATION TO SUBMIT REPORT TO SC WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. DE GUIRINGAUD WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD LUNCED TODAY NOVEMBER 15 WITH EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID. HE FOUND THAT MEGUID WAS INFORMED OF SYRIAN POSITION AND CONCERNED ABOUT IT. MEGUID THEN COMMENTED THAT SYRIANS HAD BEEN FURNISHED MUCH MORE MODERN WEAPONS BY SOVIETS THAN EGYPTIANS HAD IN THEIR OWN STOCKS.

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3. WITH HIS FRENCH RELISH FOR GOSSIP SHOWING (PARTICULARLY

WHERE U.S.-SOVIET DIFFERENCES INVOLVED), DE GUIRINGAUD THEN ELABORATED ON SOVIET ATTITUDES AS EXPRESSED HERE AT UN. ISSRAELIAN HERE FROM MOSCOW FOR SERVICE WITH SOVIET DELEGATION TO GA, HAD MADE BITTER COMMENTS THAT SOVIETS WERE FED UP WITH BEING FROZEN OUT OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION BY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY AND WERE NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH IT ANY LONGER. ACCORDING TO FRENCH PERMREP, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL SHEVCHENKO (SOVIET) IS NOW ECHOING THIS LINE IN UN CIRCLES.

4. WITH RESPECT SYRIAN POSITION ON UNDOF, WALDHEIM EARLIER IN DAY HAD PICTURED DE GUIRINGAUD TO AMBASSADOR SCALI AS GREATLY DISTURBED OVER CURRENT REPORTS. DE GUIRINGAUD HAD SPOKEN TO BOUTEFLIKA WHO SAID HE COULD NOT BELIEVE SYRIANS MEANT TO GO ALL THE WAY IN DISAVOWING UNDOF. WALDHEIM, HOWEVER, IS SUFFICIENTLY SHAKEN AT THE MOMENT THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE SYRIANS TO BE BLUFFING.  
BENNETT

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